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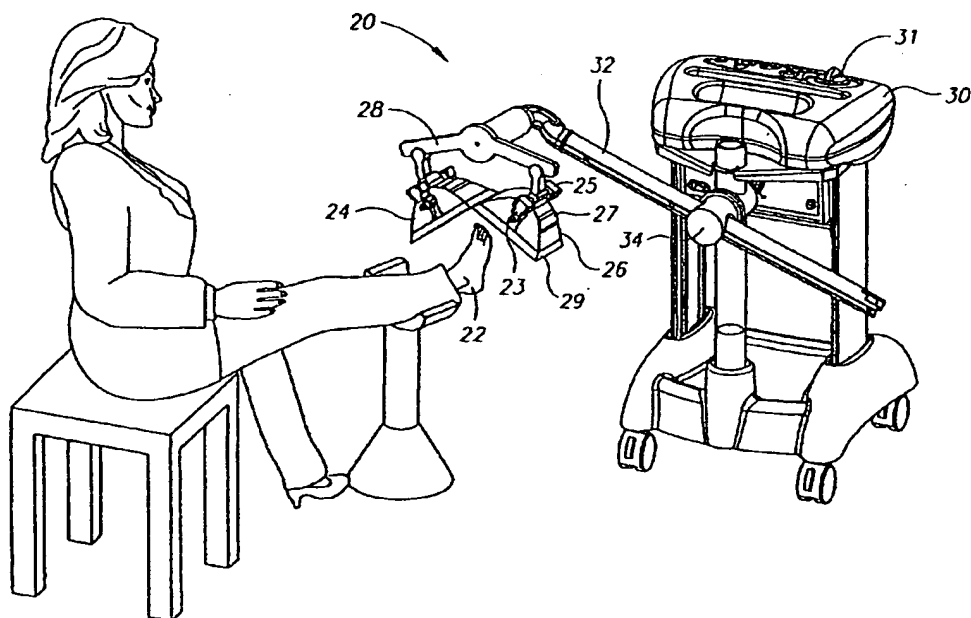
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(54) Title: **PHOTOTHERAPEUTIC TREATMENT OF SKIN CONDITIONS**



(57) Abstract: A method for treating an inflammation in skin of a patient includes irradiating the skin with infrared (IR) radiation in a first wavelength band and with violet/blue light in a second wavelength band with an apparatus radiating both wavelengths.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 6,602,275 B1 (SULLIVAN) 05 August 2003 (05.08.2003)	
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This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-16 & 42, drawn to method of treating a skin condition.

Group II, claim(s) 17-38 & 41, drawn to medical treatment apparatus.

Group III, claim(s) 39-40, drawn to a lamp device.

The inventions listed as Groups I thru III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the features of the metal halide lamp are anticipated by prior art negating their status as special technical features. The method of treatment may be carried out using another known apparatus.